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In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. Copies of listed European Patent No. 0 689 084 A1 and European

Patent No. 0 689 065 A1 were previously submitted in the information disclosure statement filed on February 20, 2004, in this application; however, the relevance of these documents is discussed in the enclosed English-language European search report.


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